

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following paragraph:

“[0031] If no media VC 116 is available, the enhanced BLC attempts to create an available media VC 116 as follows. The counter and timer associated with the Group Specific Queries are used to determine if a group already being transmitted is aging. The term aging, as used herein, determines that the possibility exists that the group will be disconnected from the media VC 116 in the near future. In this example, a group is aging if a Group Specific Query has been sent, but a response has not yet been received. Further, the probability that a group will be disconnected increases in proportion to the time elapsed since the transmission of the first Group Specific Query. That is, that the group with the oldest Group Specific Query timer is the most likely to be disconnected.”